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FOLLOWING REPEAT KABUL 3397 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN,
ISLAMABAD, LONDON, MOSCOW, PARIS, ROME, TEHRAN, TOKYO,
AND CINCPAC DATED MAY1, 1978M.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 3397

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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) STATE 110080 (B) KABUL 3380 (C) STATE 110057

1. I AM SATISFIED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (DRA) IS EFFECTIVELY IN CONTROL OF THE
MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT AND OF THE TERRITORY OF AFGHANISTAN.
THE SOVIET UNION RECOGNIZED THE DRA WITHIN MINUTES AFTER
RECEIPT OF THEIR COPY OF THE CIRCULAR NOTE (REFTEL B). ON MAY 1,
BULGARIA ALSO GAVE ITS RECOGNITION. DURING A MEETING I HAD ON
MAY 1 WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN AND JAPANESE
AMBASSADORS, (ALL THE RESIDENT OECD AMBASSADORS) IT WAS AGREED
THAT THE OECD STATES SHOULD MAXIMIZE COORDINATION. IN VIEW OF THE
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PRO-SOVIET NATURE OF THE NEW REGIME AND THE BLOODSHED THROUGH
WHICH IT CAME TO POWER, THE AMBASSADORS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD
NOT DISPLAY UNSEEMLY HASTE IN GIVING RECOGNITION. ON THE OTHER
HAND, ALL AGREED THAT AN UNDUE DELAY COULD CAUSE OPERATIONAL
PROBLEMS (E.G., ISSUANCE OF EXIT VISAS, CUSTOMS CLEARANCES).

2. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFTEL C,

BUT WONDERS WHETHER OUR REPLY SHOULD NOT ALSO INDICATE THAT WE EXPECT THE DRA TO ASSURE US THAT IT WILL RESPECT THE EXISTING "TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS" BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS (WE ARE REFERRING TO THOSE LISTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S JANUARY 1, 1978, EDITION OF "TREATIES IN FORCE"). THE OTHER OECD AMBASSADORS ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE NOTES CONTAIN THIS STIPULATION.

3. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT NOTE WE PROPOSE TO SEND IN REPLY TO THE CIRCULAR NOTE RECEIVED FROM THE DRA ON APRIL 30 (REFTEL B). BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE LATTER'S CIRCULAR NOTE OF APRIL 30, 1978, TAKES NOTE OF THE INFORMATION CONVEYED IN THAT DOCUMENT.

4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ASSUMES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR AND SUPPORT THE EXISTING TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN FORCE BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES. ON THAT ASSUMPTION, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

5. THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HOPES THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE, AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY, TO RECEIVE BRIEFINGS
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ON THE POLICIES AND PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

6. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

7. IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AGREE THAT REFERENCE TO FORMER TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE, WE WOULD DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE DRAFT NOTE, AS WELL AS THE OPENING PHRASE "ON THAT ASSUMPTION." IN THE REMAINING SENTENCE.

8. THE OECD AMBASSADORS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN AT 3:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, BEFORE SENDING THEIR NOTES. IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT MEETING, PLEASE TRANSMIT A REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE BY THE DEPARTMENT'S COB ON MAY 2. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO DELIVER OUR NOTE ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 3 OR THE MORNING OF MAY 4. WE PROPOSE TO HAVE IT DELIVERED, WITHOUT COMMENT, BY OUR PROTOCOL OFFICER, VICE CONSUL MARTIN P. ADAMS.
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